

March 10, 2010

Dear Reader:

This CD includes the Environmental Assessment completed in August 1999 for a proposed Grand Kankakee Marsh National Wildlife Refuge.

There is an error in Figure 12 on page 39. The map of the preferred alternative includes an area that is not actually proposed under the preferred alternative. Please see the PDF file "MapCorrectionTextAlternative5&Map" for a corrected version of the figure.

In addition to the Environmental Assessment, this CD also includes a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service publication called "Banking on Nature." The publication describes the economic benefits national wildlife refuges have on local communities.

The Service is continuing to work with local organizations interested in establishing this national wildlife refuge. See the Service's planning website at:

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/GrandKankakee> for current information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas J. Larson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Thomas" on the top line and "J. Larson" on the bottom line.

Thomas J. Larson

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